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**Forest Service Handbook 6109.15 – Position Classification Handbook  
Contents**

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**Digest:** Following is an explanation of the changes throughout the directive by section.

**6109.15:** Revises Handbook in its entirety.

**Zero Code:** Updates the zero code and incorporates applicable direction from FSM 6151.

**6109.15\_10:** Combines Chapter 10, Forest Service Classification Principles, Practices, and Techniques, and Forest Service Manual 6151, Position Classification and Job Evaluation, and revises in their entirety.

**6109.15\_20:** Combines Chapters 20, Position Description Preparation and Requirements, and Chapter 40, Standard Position Description System, and revises in their entirety.

**6109.15\_30:** Updates Chapter 30, Classification of Positions under the Scientist Career Plan, to reflect changes in the Research Grade Evaluation Guide which was revised by the United States Office of Personnel Management in September 2006.

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**6109.15\_40:** Removes Chapter 40, Standard Position Description System, and recodes applicable direction to Chapter 20, Position Description Preparation and Requirements.

**6109.15\_50:** Removes Chapter 50, Classification of Positions Using “Impact-of-the-Person-on-the-Job” Concept, and incorporates applicable direction in Chapter 10, Section 13, Reclassification of Encumbered Positions.

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